

DECISION



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THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-210042

DATE: January 11, 1983

MATTER OF: American Mutual Protective Bureau

DIGEST:

Protest against alleged ambiguous specifications in the IFB apparent prior to bid opening is untimely where filed after bid opening.

American Mutual Protective Bureau (American) protests after bid opening that invitation for bids (IFB) No. F04700-82-B-0097, issued by Edwards Air Force Base, California, was ambiguous and incomplete. We dismiss the protest as untimely.

The IFB solicited bids for security guard services at the Headquarters Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, California. American contends that the IFB fails to adequately specify the number of hours for Guardmount time, and fails to specify that the Guardmount time is paid at time and one-half. American further contends that the IFB fails to accurately specify the number of hours for additional flight test time in line item 0001AQ.

Our Bid Protest Procedures require that protests based upon alleged improprieties in an IFB which are apparent prior to bid opening must be filed before that date. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1982). The alleged improprieties were apparent prior to the November 29, 1982, bid opening, and since American did not file a protest until December 3, 1982, after bid opening, we will not consider the merits of the protest. See North Wind Power Co., B-209628, November 22, 1982, 82-2 CPD 470.

We dismiss the protest.

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